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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 11 and 12 without prejudice.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A vehicle steering column comprising:

an axially extending input shaft for connecting to a vehicle steering wheel, the input shaft being rotatable about an axis upon rotation of the steering wheel;